

## I THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date

January 19, 2007

. In re the Application of

Douglas A. SCHEIN et al.

Group Art Unit: 3734

Examiner:

Application No.: 10/646,801

D. YABUT

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For:

CANNULAS, CANNULA MOUNT ASSEMBLIES, AND CLAMPING METHODS USING

SUCH CANNULAS AND CANNULA MOUNT ASSEMBLIES

SMALL ENTITY PETITION FOR 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 19, 2006, an extension of time for a period of TWO months is hereby requested. Attached hereto is our Check No. 188555 in the amount of \$225 in payment for:

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